

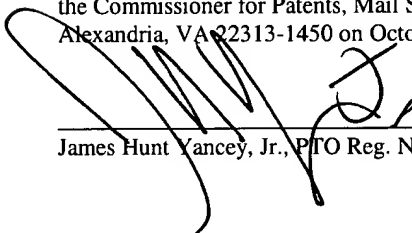


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action from Examiner Andrew D. Wright of Art Unit 3617, mailed 27 May 2004, Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment along with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified Application in view of the following remarks and amendments. Applicant respectfully asserts that the Application is in condition for allowance and respectfully solicits early and favorable consideration.